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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: OPENING OF OFFICE OF UN COMMISSIONER FOR  
NAMIBIA

1. ON APRIL 10, MR. S.J. OMOREGIE, A NIGERIAN NATIONAL, ARRIVED  
IN GABORONE AS RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UN "COMMISSIONER  
FOR NAMIBIA". OMOREGIE IS A CAREER NIGERIAN DIPLOMAT ON DETAIL  
FOR WHAT HE SAYS WILL NOT BE MORE THAN THREE YEARS AND HOPES NOT  
MORE THAN TWO. OMOREGIE MOST RECENTLY SERVED IN PEKING.

2. IN THE COURSE OF A COURTESY CALL APRIL 18, OMOREGIE APPEARED PRE-  
OCCUPIED WITH PROBLEMS OF SETTLING IN; HE AND HIS FAMILY ARE AT  
HOTELAWAITING REFURBISHING OF A HOUSE. HIS OFFICE ARE IN THE BANK OF

BOTSWANA BUILDING; HE SAID HE HAS ACCESS TO UNDP TELEX FACILITIES.

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3. DURING OUR DISCUSSION, OMOREGIE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) ORGANIZATION: OMOREGIE RECEIVES ORDERS DIRECTLY FROM THE  
UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA, MR. AHTISSARI IN NEW YORK.

HE HAS NO ORGANIZATIONAL TIE WITH COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA OFFICE IN  
LUSAKA ALTHOUGH HE EXPECTS TO "CONSULT" THAT OFFICE WHEN QUESTIONS  
OF "MUTUAL INTEREST" ARISE;

(B) MISSION: OMOREGIE SAID HIS DUTIES WERE TO REPRESENT INTERESTS OF NAMIBIA IN BOTSWANA. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, HE SAID THIS MEANS DISCUSSING NAMIBIA WITH GOB OFFICIALS AND REPORTING ON SOUTH AFRICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD IT AS GATHERED FROM MEDIA (MOSTLY SOUTH AFRICAN). HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SWAPO'S INTERESTS ARE A PRINCIPAL CONCERN, NOTING THAT PRINCIPAL SWAPO OFFICIALS IS RESIDENT IN FRANCISTOWN. OMOREGIE HAS NOT YET HAD OCCASION TO MEET HIM EXCEPT INFORMALLY IN LUSAKA EN ROUTE HERE. OMOREGIE HAS RECEIVED SWANU REPS AS WELL AND DIRECTED THEM TO UNHCR FOR ASSISTANCE;

(C) CONTACT GROUP PROPOSALS: OMOREGIE SAID HE HAD READ THE CG PROPOSALS ON NAMIBIA. HE DESCRIBED THEM AS "A BEAUTIFUL PAPER"; HE WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY HANDLING OF THE WALVIS BAY ISSUE. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, WALVIS BAY LOOMED IN HIS MIND AS PRINCIPAL STUBBLING BLOCK TO AGREEMENT;

(D) VISAS FOR SWAPO: I ASKED ABOUT THE VISA REQUIREMENT FOR SWAPO REPS TRAVELING TO ZAMBIA, NOTING THAT ONE SWAPO OFFICIAL HAD RECENTLY BEEN TURNED BACK FROM LUSAKA BECAUSE OF ZAMBIAN VISA REQUIREMENT; AFTER FIVE DAY'S WAITING HERE, SWAPO REP RETURNED TO WINDHOEK. OMOREGIE SAID SWAPO MUST VOUCH FOR VISA APPLICANTS BECAUSE OF THE RISK THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS SENDING AGENTS TO LUSAKA AND TO COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA UNDER GUISE OF SWAPO MEMBERSHIP. OMOREGIE VOLUNTEERED TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING SWAPO CLEARANCE FOR VISA APPLICANTS.

4. PERSONAL: OMOREGIE STRIKES US AS A REASONABLE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICIAL; FOR EXAMPLE, HE RECENTLY TOLD DCM THAT HE BELIEVES THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF FORCING CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA IS THROUGH ADHERENCE OF MULTINATIONALS FIRMS TO A CODE OF ETHICS, SIMILAR TO THE IDEA OF REV. SULLIVAN. HE SEEMS AN UNDEMONSTRATIVE AND ENGAGING COLLEAGUE WHO CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE IN HELPING US KEEP TRACK OF NAMIBIANS. HE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE WELL-INFORMED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH IS UNDERSTANDABLE SINCE HE IS STILL WITHOUT EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS WITH NEW YORK.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY COMMENT ON BACKGROUND OF OPENING OF LOCAL OF UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA OFFICE OR INFORMATION DEPARTMENT OR OTHER ADDRESSEES MAY HAVE ON OMOREGIE.  
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